



THE TBT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE - German Model

Meeting of the EU-MS TBT contact points
on 28 October 2010 in Brussels



The TBT Notification Procedure

**...an instrument to prevent New Technical
Barriers to Trade**



Management of the procedure at Community level

§ Member States' texts

- Member States directly notify to the WTO
- The Commission, on behalf of the European Union, answers 3rd country comments

§ Third country texts

- Commission prepares comments on 3rd country notifications; input from Members States and business

Management of the procedure at Community level

TBT database (<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/>)

- To receive email notification alerts
- access to text of regulatory measures
- Opportunity to comment on measures
- EC conveying concerns of the EU Member States and business
- Coordination of follow-up with the Member States and business

Authorities responsible for Notifications

Requirement under TBT Agreement for each WTO Member to have a:

Single central government authority

Technical regulations/conformity assessment procedures of central government and of local governments (states, provinces, Länder, cantons, municipalities).

National Enquiry Point

(List published by the WTO Secretariat and the European Commission)

Authorities responsible for Notifications

**Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology
Trade Policy Division (EU/WTO)
National Notification Authority**

wto-notif@bmwi.bund.de

<http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Aussenwirtschaft/Handelspolitik-EU-WTO/wto,did=217768.html>

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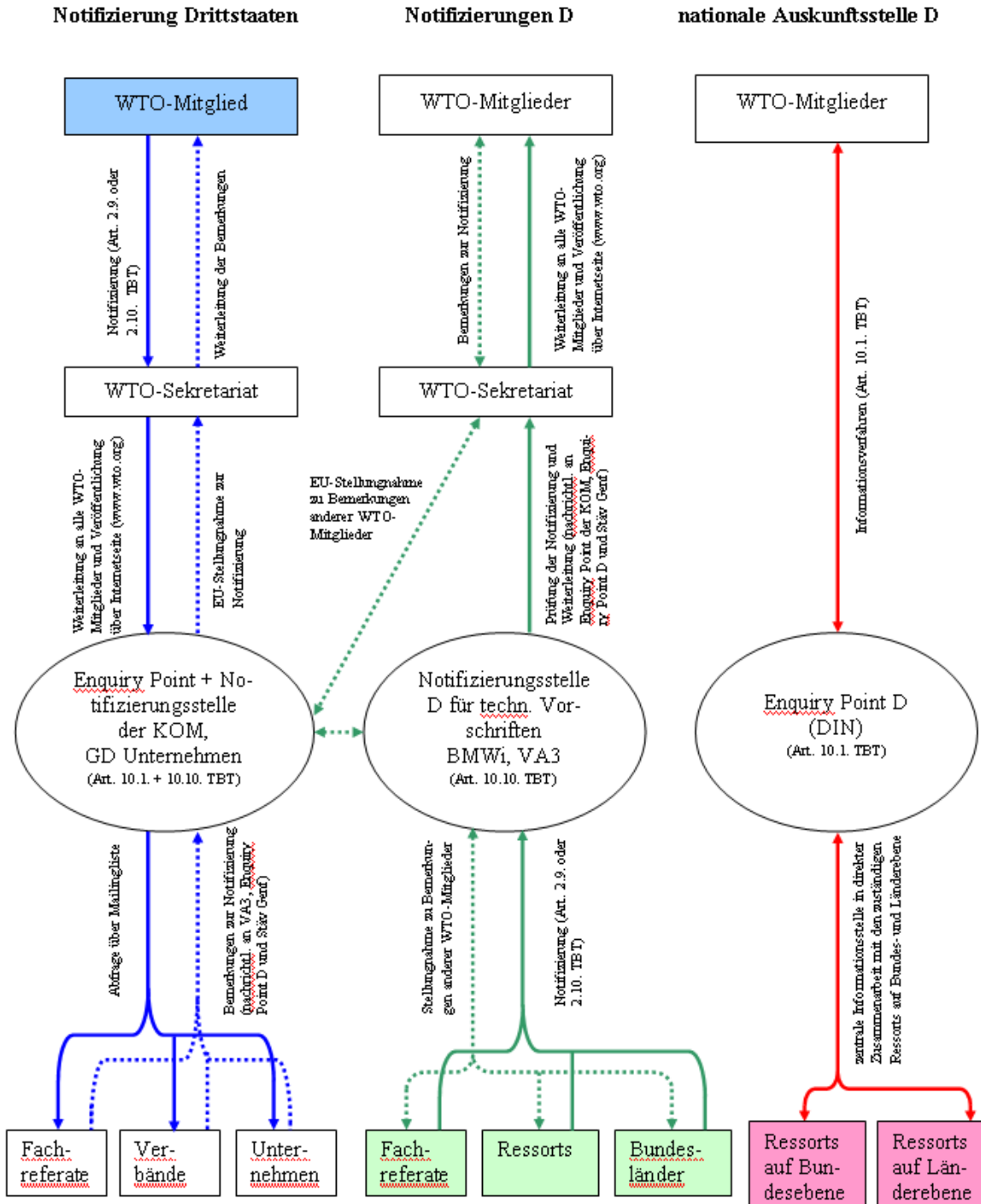
TBT Notification procedure

Fifth Triennial Review – context and objective

- Reaffirms the importance of establishing mechanisms to facilitate internal coordination for the effective implementation of the TBT Agreement's notifications obligations
- Share Germanys mechanisms which facilitate cooperation and coordination between competent authorities towards efficient and effective implementation of TBT Agreement notification obligations



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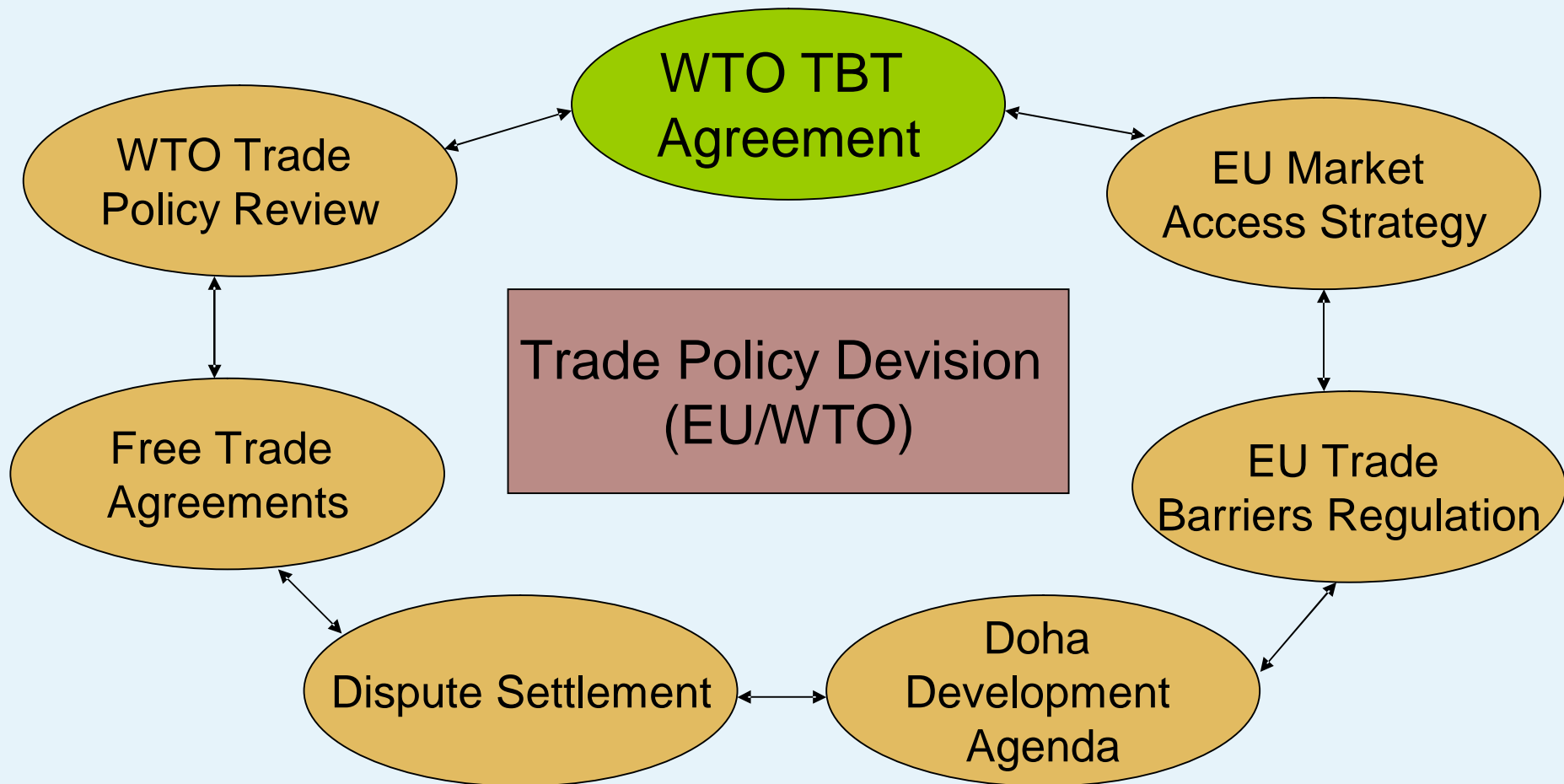
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Main steps of the internal procedure

- Registration on the TBT database;
- Co-operation with other divisions, ministries and business
- Information exchange with National and EU enquiry point
- Preparation and submission of German notifications to the WTO
- Submission of comments to 3rd country notifications COM
- Follow – up



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Experiences of Germany

Number of Notifications (until 12 August 2010)

European Commission 349

Germany 11

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Thank you for your attention!

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